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 FOR: BIFURCATED ENDOLUMINAL :  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

S I R :

Prior to examination of the accompanying 37 CFR  
 1.60 application, please amend the identified application  
 as follows.

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following claims.

1 54. (Newly added) A method for delivering a  
 2 bifurcated endoluminal stent or prosthesis having a  
 3 proximal portion and a first distal portion into the  
 4 vasculature at an aneological bifurcation where a blood  
 5 vessel branches into a first branched vessel and a second  
 6 branched vessel, said method comprising the steps of:

7 (a) inserting a first introducer containing  
 8 said stent or prosthesis into the vasculature to a  
 9 predetermined delivery location, said first introducer  
 10 comprising an outer sheath, a proximal portion pusher,  
 11 and a distal portion pusher;

12 (b) withdrawing said outer sheath of said  
 13 first introducer while maintaining said proximal portion